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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Devon C. Kramer

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 13-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1) Applicant is advised that the Notice of Allowance mailed is vacated. If the issue fee has already been paid, applicant may request a refund or request that the fee be credited to a deposit account. However, applicant may wait until the application is either found allowable or held abandoned. If allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance, applicant may request that the previously submitted issue fee be applied. If abandoned, applicant may request refund or credit to a specified Deposit Account.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3) Claims 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamilton (4702340) in view of Yoshinori et al (4834221).

IN re claims 6-9, Hamilton teaches a motorcycle comprising: a front wheel (14), a rear wheel (22), a frame (10), a seat (26) and handlebars (18); the motorcycle having a body perimeter; and a mechanical linkage connecting a brake pedal with a caliper (97) and an associated disk (96) are located within the body perimeter. Hamilton is silent to the location of the pedal with respect to the caliper.

Yoshinori et al teaches an arrangement where the brake pedal (6, right side) is on one lateral side of the motorcycle and the caliper (3r, left side) is on the other side of the motorcycle with a follower. Please note that the definition of follower is: "a machine

part that receives motion from another part". Please note that the pedal provides force to the master cylinder which in turn provides a force to the caliper on the opposite side of the pedal.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have provided the pedal of Hamilton on the opposite lateral side of the motorcycle as taught by Yoshinori et al merely to provide space for the brake lines and master cylinder to provide a fluid force to the caliper.

4) Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamilton (4702340) in view of Yoshinori et al (4834221) and further in view of Martins (4002084).

Both Hamilton and Yoshinori et al lack the details of the brake pedal.

Martins teaches a pedal arrangement with a pedal (18) that pivots about a brake arm fulcrum (19) and includes a forward brake arm (18) adapted to receive a riders foot, and a rear brake arm (18a) connected to an actuator (34) that can be driven upwards.

Allowable Subject Matter

5) Claims 1-5 and 13-20 are allowed.

Conclusion

6) The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hayashi et al teaches an arrangement wherein the pedal is opposite the caliper.

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7) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devon C. Kramer whose telephone number is 571-272-7118. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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